Integrated Development Programme of Cashewnut in Andhra Pradesh

*431. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Integrated Development Programme of Cashewnut in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the defails thereof;

(c)what progress the State has made in production of cashewnuts after extending the development programme; and

(d) what role the State Government has played in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development Programme of Cashew & Cocoa in India is being imptemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh since the Eighth Five Year Plan. Under this scheme assistance has been provided for establishment of Regional Nurseries, raising of new plantations, replanting of senile plantations, adoption of plant protection measures, development of model clonal cashew gardens and training of farmers.

(c) The production of cashewnut in Andhra Pradesh has increased from the level of 0.45 lakh tonnes in 1992-93 to 1.00 lakh tonnes in 1999-2000.

(d) The State Government provided the technical and administrative support in implementing the scheme.

Job for Unemplowed

†*432. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that unemployed youths are not able to secure jobs even after five years of registrations in employment exchanges;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether Government have any scheme under which a job can be secured within a fixed time frame after registrations in the employment exchanges;

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(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) The Employment Exchanges register the job-seekers and sponsor their names against the vacancies notified to them. They have no role in generating employment. There is no provision for securing jobs for people registered with employment exchanges. Due to emergence of various specialised recruitment bodies like Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Banking Service Recruitment Boards (BSRB), Railway Recruitment Boards (RRB) etc., the role of employment exchanges in placement is becoming restricted. Moreover, majority of job-seekers registered with employment exchanges are either unskilled or they do not have skills that are required in the labour market. In view of the above, a large number of job-seekers are not able to get jobs even after being registered for long periods.

Identity Cards to Visit Nepal

*433. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian travellers will be required to carry identity cards soon for visit to Nepal;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the position with regard to citizen crossing into Nepal border by road?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) With effect from October 1,2000, Indian citizens, except for children up to the age of 10 years, would be requried to be in possession of any one of the following documents while travelling by air between the two countires:

* Valid national passport.

* Photo identity card issued by the Government of India/any State Government or Union Territory Administration in India/Identity card issued by the Election Commission of India.

* Emergency Certificate issued by Embassy of India, Kathmandu to Indian nationals in case of emergent conditions.